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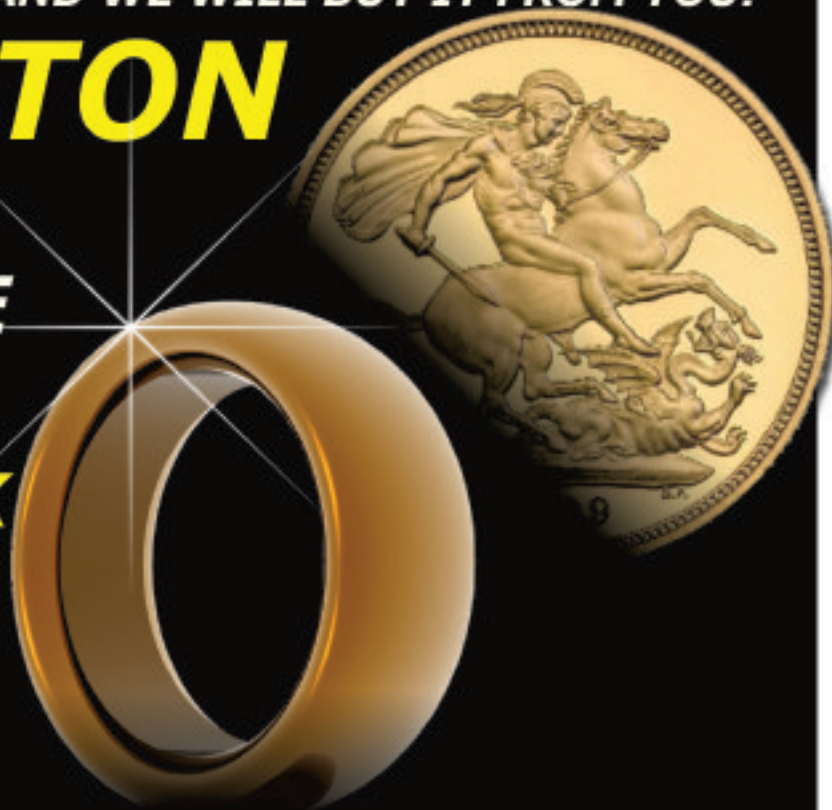
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The past week in headlines

At-a-glance news...

Warning over trafficking gangs

Police were warned as part of a new crackdown that people trafficking gangs could be operating in the area.



Churches face huge bills

Churches targeted by lead thieves are struggling to meet the costs of frequent break-ins, it has been revealed.



Fugitive still on the run

Adam Bartley, from Northampton, is being hunted by police after escaping from Crown Court



Campaign launched to stop bullying

SCHOOLS and children's services in Northamptonshire are being urged to get together to help eradicate bullying in the county.

As part of a new strategy launched by the Northamptonshire Children and Young People's Partnership, schools that sign up to an anti-bullying programme will be accredited with a gold, silver or bronze standard.

The experience of accredited schools will then be used to support the spread of the programme to all schools and services in Northamptonshire.

At the official launch of the strategy this week, young people promoted anti-bullying messages in the form of artwork and drama.

Councillor Andrew Grant, (Con, Brackley East), Northamptonshire County Council's cabinet member for children and young people, said: "This has been a marvellous opportunity to bring so many people together. It is fantastic to see so many young people here with so many ideas which all have a role to play in the eradication of bullying."

"I just hope this new strategy engages with all the schools in Northamptonshire."

"We have got to find a way of making sure people know that any form of bullying is unacceptable."

The key speaker at the launch was child actor James Buckley – who has appeared in BBC1's *Robin Hood* – who spoke about his experience of bullying.

The strategy launch also included the launch of an anti-bullying songwriting competition, open to all children and young people in Northamptonshire.

'We want the best for Unity'

THE co-founder of the Carphone Warehouse said his foundation would "strive to deliver what is absolutely best" for the failing Northampton school he has been selected to sponsor.

From September 2010, Unity College will be an academy sponsored by the David Ross Foundation, which had been previously selected as the preferred backer after a day of meetings at the school with pupils, parents and a panel.

Earlier this week, the selection was rubber-stamped by Northamptonshire County Council's cabinet, despite criticism from opposition councillors about the means by which David Ross was selected, which have not been disclosed.

Mr Ross's foundation already runs a school in Grimsby, which the meeting was told had a GCSE A to C pass rate of 27 per cent.

Mr Ross said: "I'm absolutely delighted. Education is one of those things that, if you have a good one, you can't have it taken away from you."

"I think first and foremost we will need to address local needs and local wishes. We need to strive for academic excellence with a

strong emphasis on pastoral care, extra-curricular activities and traditional educational values. It's not my job to interfere, it's my job to find the best people to run the school. We need to find outstanding people to run the school and give them the opportunity to get on."

Councillor Andrew Grant (Con, Brackley East), cabinet member for children and young people's services, told the meeting: "I don't want anybody to think this decision has been taken in any way other than what is going to be good for the standards at Unity."

"The key element is we as a panel of five unanimously agreed on the sponsor being David Ross."

"It is important that we deliver the best education for the pupils of Unity and we believe that's going to be in the hands of David Ross."

In April the decision to turn Unity, in Trinity Avenue, into an academy this September was delayed for a year while an alternative sponsor was sought.

Former education supremo, Councillor Joan Kirkbride (Con, Bugbrooke) asked the meeting: "How long do we want this school to be in a state of limbo? Let's get this sponsor started and get the school on the road."



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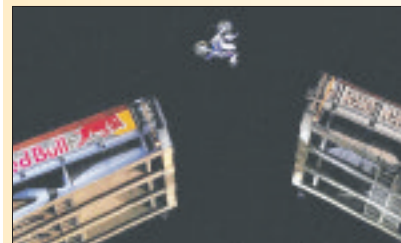
The Week in Pictures

A BELFAST Zoo employee applies moisturising cream to one of the elephants to improve its dry skin condition. The zoo is applying moisturising cream to all of their elephants, after a suggestion from the only female elephant keeper. The elephant team have found that the unusual welfare technique has improved the texture of their pachyderms' skin. (Belfast Zoo/PA Wire)



REVELLERS are chased by Jandilla's ranch fighting bulls on the fourth day of the running of the bulls during the San Fermin festival in Pamplona, northern Spain, yesterday. A man was gored to death at Pamplona's running of the bulls, the first such fatality in nearly 15 years. Nine others were injured in a particularly messy and dangerous chapter of the tradition.

THIS is the scene outside the Balmoral pub in Edinburgh where a fireman died while fighting a fire. A fire chief said his force had been left "absolutely devastated" by the death of a fireman who was killed fighting a blaze in a bar. The firefighter was killed and one of his colleagues was injured after a floor inside the building collapsed.



FREESTYLE Australian motocross star Robbie Maddison leaped over the open span of London's Tower Bridge. With an approach speed of approximately 40mph, Maddison took off from the north side of the bridge, performed a no-handed backflip, and held his landing in front of the south tower of one of the world's most recognisable sights.

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Wedding day arrests



■ The church in Great Billing where the allegedly sham marriage was to take place

A BRIDE, groom and best man were arrested moments before their wedding ceremony in Northampton by immigration officers suspecting it was a sham marriage.

The wedding had been due to take place at a church in Great Billing, Northampton, on Tuesday but was cancelled when the bride, groom and best man were arrested and taken in for questioning.

Acting on intelligence, officers from Northamptonshire Police and the UK Border Agency swooped on St Andrews, All Saints and The Arc, in Church Way, Great Billing.

It was just as the 30-year-old bride and 23-year-old groom had been due to walk up the aisle and exchange vows.

The groom, from Portugal, and his bride, from Nigeria, were arrested on suspicion of facilitating a sham marriage along with the best man, also from Nigeria.

A witness at the ceremony, also

from Nigeria, was also arrested as he was found to be an illegal entrant to the UK and is being held in custody, pending his deportation in the next few days.

The groom, his bride and the best man were questioned before being bailed pending further police inquiries.

After being arrested and taken in for questioning, the bride and groom admitted they could not understand each other's languages but said they communicated by sign language.

A spokesman for the UK Border Agency said the bride was six-and-a-half months pregnant.

Gail Adams, UK Border Agency regional director, said: "We will not tolerate immigration abuse and will punish those who break the immigration laws."

"Over recent years, we have clamped down on sham marriages introducing Certificates of Approval, family permits and encouraged registrars to highlight suspicious cases. That's why sus-

pected sham marriages fell from over 3,500 in 2004 to under 400 in 2008.

"Under the tougher rules, anyone now trying to play the system can expect to face imprisonment for up to a maximum of seven years and/or a fine.

"It is a criminal offence to be in the UK through deception and we will fully investigate any allegations that are passed to us."

In 2005, a Ghanaian bride and her French groom were arrested as they were about to exchange marriage vows in a sham wedding ceremony at Northampton's Guildhall.

Immigration officials were waiting for the couple as they arrived by limousine from London for their bogus wedding which would have allowed Blessing Mohammed to stay in this country.

Mohammed, aged 23, from Clapham, south London, and her groom, Jean Fassot, a 24-year-old mechanic from Paris, were both jailed for 17 months.



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Action to cut level of traffic pollution

SEVEN traffic hotspots in Northampton will have action plans drawn up to tackle air pollution after it was found emissions exceeded national guidelines.

Pollution in the areas will be constantly monitored and an action plan will be produced for the seven parts of Northampton, which have been officially designated air quality management areas (AQMAS) because of high levels of nitrogen dioxide.

The seven areas encompass some of the busiest routes in Northampton, including the A43, A45, Barrack Road and Campbell Square. Although seven gases – including benzene, lead and sulphur dioxide – are being monitored, it is only nitrogen dioxide which has been flagged up.

Northampton Borough Councillor Trini Crake (*Lib Dem, Boughton*

Green), cabinet member for environment, said: "The main air pollutant in Northampton is nitrogen dioxide which mainly comes from vehicles, but I am pleased to say that the six other pollutants do not pose a problem.

"We will be looking closely at the ways we can help reduce levels of nitrogen dioxide to ensure that Northampton is a greener and cleaner place to live."

Homes within the AQMAS will receive leaflets about ways to improve air quality and information about what could happen next. As part of the action plan to reduce pollution, planning applications will be examined to ensure they will not create new areas of poor air quality.

Marcus Rock, a county representative of the Green Party, said: "As far as I understand the legislation is quite weak. I think progress has been pretty slow in improving



air quality.

"As far as St Michael's Road is concerned you don't have to be an expert in environmental health to realise there have been people living there for 40 years and nothing's been done to manage traffic properly. We need to limit traffic through town, or at least manage traffic speeds."

AQMAS have previously been created in Northampton at junction 15a of the M1, along Harborough Road, at Weedon Road and at the Plough Hotel. This latest round takes the total to 11.

Politician apologises for the effect of cuts

THE MAN behind controversial cuts to services for the disabled in Northamptonshire has admitted he "got it wrong" and apologised.

During his time on Northamptonshire County Council's cabinet, the current Conservative MP for Northampton South, Brian Binley, pictured right, drew up the council's budget in 2006.

The financial plans included a range of controversial cuts which prompted hundreds of disabled people and their carers to march on County Hall.

At the time, Mr Binley described the cuts as the hardest decision he ever made in his life and this week he admitted that looking back, he made mistakes.

He said: "It was wrong, it should never have happened.

"We should have exercised greater control and greater political will, that's the truth of the matter and we didn't do that."

The cuts included closing a number of care homes and facilities for the disabled.

While Mr Binley, who did not stand for re-election to the county council in June, insisted some of the changes were needed, he said many more were forced on the authority by senior council staff.

He said: "I wanted to do things in a different way but was stopped in many respects by council officers."

On the results of cuts, such as the closure of some centres for disabled people, he added: "We see these vulnerable people now sitting in cafes in the town with nothing to do all day. So there's some real questions to ask, that's why I say I got it wrong."

The MP also issued a public apology to resi-

dents during a protest rally in the town earlier this week.

One of the people at the rally, Chris Kinsey, who was one of the main protesters against the 2006 cuts, said she was shocked by the politician's revelation.

She said: "I just feel it's not good enough. You can't just apologise and make things better for vulnerable people who have lost their care because of these cuts."

Mr Binley has suggested possible ways forward for the authority could include the creation of just two councils, one governing Northampton and the other Northamptonshire, both with their own elected mayors.



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Zombies came out to say goodbye to Michael Jackson

Ghouls meet as a tribute

A PLAGUE of the undead descended on Northampton's Market Square on Saturday afternoon to pay tribute to the late King of Pop.

Alongside members of Northampton's zombie community were people from the town who flocked to the Market Square to watch the flashmob, an attempt to break the world record for the number of people dancing to Michael Jackson's famous hit *Thriller*.

Flashmobbers in Northampton have previously danced to the tune of a busker in Abington Street,

but the tribute to Michael Jackson was the biggest such event to hit Northampton, with hundreds of people packed into the bottom end of the Market Square.

At 2.15pm precisely the opening bars of the song rang out, a cue for ghastly ghouls and wicked witches to pull their most sinister shapes to the tune.

Kingsthorpe bus driver Sean of the dead Cunningham, aged 754, took his family of zombies along for the flashmob.

He said: "I wasn't working and I had nothing else to do, so I thought I'd dress up and do something silly. It's a good memorial for Michael

Jackson." Mr Cunningham's children Aidan and Kirsty also joined in the dancing. Kirsty said: "We love Jacko."

The flashmob was the final event to be organised by Jof Davies before he leaves Northampton. He said: "It was great to have everybody out here, lots of people turned up which was fantastic."

"But it was a shame they came to watch rather than take part. The guys that put in the effort were totally amazing."

"I think it was a fitting tribute to Michael Jackson. I hope somewhere he's looking down and smiling at the crazy people."

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Plan for estate is opposed

A PLANNED new housing estate and industrial units in Northampton faces strong opposition from angry residents, according to an MP.

Sally Keeble, the Labour Northampton North MP, will hold a consultation meeting to hear residents' views about the proposals for Billing Lane in the Moulton and Overstone area.

The new buildings will back on to residential areas and Mrs Keeble said people living in those homes are overwhelmingly against the idea.

She said: "The early responses from my constituency show people are opposed to housing and industrial development next to their homes. They are also angry about the lack of detail and short time for consultation."

"I have already written to the Joint Planning Unit asking for more time, and am sending a

report setting out people's views on the proposed development and the lack of detail and time for consultation."

In view of the strength of feeling, and in response to requests, Mrs Keeble has organised a meeting for residents from the affected areas, in Southfields, Thorpeville, and the Billing Lane area.

Mrs Keeble said: "It is for residents of my constituency only at this stage. I am sure people will want to join forces with other communities to put forward their views, and that can be decided at the meeting."

"People will have lots of other pressures on their time with the schools finishing this week, but I hope they will take the time to put forward their views on these proposals."

The meeting will be held at the community centre in Farmhill Road, Southfields, on Saturday, from 1pm to 2.30pm.



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Wasps nest in old helmet



A FULLY-formed wasps' nest has been found in an old police helmet left in the garage of a Northampton house.

Pest controller Simon Faulkner was confronted with the insect infestation after he was called out to an address in Dulverton Road, Abington Vale, on Thursday.

The old police helmet was among a collection of memorabilia that Rita Woolmore had collected when her husband Keith, who was a detective inspector for Northamptonshire Police, died 14 years ago.

Mr Faulkner, who runs Abington Pest Control, said: "I have never found a wasps' nest in a policeman's helmet. I have found them in carpets and cardboard boxes but never in a helmet."

"I treated the helmet with an insecticide."

Mrs Woolmore said the wasps'

nest had been discovered when her gardener was cleaning the drain-pipe.

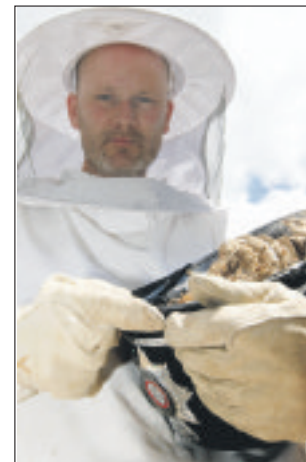
She said: "When my gardener closed the door that leads to the garage he was stung several times. We went into the garage to investigate and they were all in a particular area so I called out the pest control."

"My husband Keith was a policeman and I put the helmet in the garage some time ago and I could not believe a wasps' nest had been built in it. I found it quite comical."

Mr Faulkner said the wasps probably chose the garage as a place to build the nest because it was dry, quiet and undisturbed.

He said: "The nest would have held 500 to 1,000 wasps and their population would have risen to 3,000 by September. The wasps are quite big this year because we had a cold winter and a mild spring."

The wasps' nest in the helmet and (below) Simon Faulkner



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School's work 'outstanding'

AN OVER-SUBSCRIBED secondary school in Northampton has been judged as 'outstanding' in a glowing Ofsted report.

Caroline Chisholm School in Wootton, which caters for pupils from the age of four up to A-level students, is likely to see demand for places increase even more as a result of the Government inspection.

It is only the second time the school has been graded, and shows teachers and pupils have stepped up their performance from a "good" rating to "outstanding" in the overall assessment.

The report, which was released on Wednesday following an inspection in June, said: "Caroline Chisholm School provides an outstanding quality of education."

"Pupils achieve well academically, build outstanding personal qualities and gain immense enjoyment from their studies due to the school's provision."

"Parents identify that teachers are enthusiastic and encourage pupils to aim high."

"The excellent leadership of the principal and vice principals, coupled with support from the high-calibre leadership team, has secured an impressive track record of improvement and is driving the school forward at a very rapid pace."

Among the factors singled out for praise were the personal development of students, support for pupils with learning disabilities and a "crystal clear" leadership style.

The school, which has almost 1,500 pupils on the roll, is consistently over-subscribed and on Monday, parents whose children had failed to get a place hosted a protest at the gates.

Seven students who attended the feeder school, Wootton Primary, were denied

places during the recent admissions process.

Principal Tony Downing said staff had been thrilled with the Ofsted inspection report, adding: "Of course we are very pleased, but we will not be complacent and there is always room for improvement."

"We were particularly pleased that student well-being and personal development were praised, as well as the strong spirit of enterprise at the school."

"Our aim is to serve the local community, and we are sensitive to the fact there are children who have not been successful in their bid for places at the school."



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4. Racing driver Jackie Stewart (pictured) retired

Answer:
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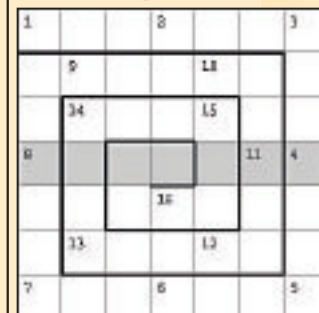
1. Comedian Jason Manford features as team captain on the BBC1 quiz show *As Seen On TV* from Friday. In what other comedy quiz show is he also a captain?
2. Stephen Uppal's character Ravi on Channel 4's *Hollyoaks* is in for a tough time from next week. Which other *Hollyoaks* member took part in *Dancing On Ice* in 2008?
3. British actor Stephen Moyer stars in cult TV show *True Blood* from July 17 on FX - what's the name of his character in the series?
4. Anna Friel stars as a single mum in a new episode of BBC One's *The Street* on Monday. What was the name of her character in *Brookside*?
5. Cast your mind back... in ITV1's *Daily Cooks Challenge* on Tuesday, actress Leslie Ash judges the chefs' dishes. What was the name of her character in the hit series *Men Behaving Badly*?

Answers: 1. 8 Out Of 10 Cats; 2. Chris Fountain; 3. Bill Compton; 4. Beth Jordache; 5. Deborah



■ Anna Friel (above) stars in *The Street* on BBC1 next week

WORD Spiral



CLUES:

1. Red meat
2. Golfer's cry
3. Muslim ruler
4. Corrode
5. Snare
6. Knitting stitch
7. Minus
8. Auction
9. Hearing organs
10. Strongbox
11. Morally wrong or bad
12. Plant part
13. Young deer
14. Pinches sharply
15. Rotisserie

Elm, say

Key word clue: Football term

Answers: 1. Beef 2. Fore 3. Emir 4. Rust 5. Trap 6. Punt 7. Less 8. Sale 9. Ears 10. Safe 11. Evil 12. Fawn 13. Nips 14. Nips 15. Spit 16. Tree. Key word solution: SWEEPER

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Robbers fail to get cash

A NEWSAGENT whose store was targeted by two would-be robbers has thanked an anonymous shopper for tackling one of the offenders and pinning him to the ground.

Andrew Cruden, owner of St Giles Street News in Northampton town centre, said the two men came into the store shortly before noon on Sunday.

While one of them was pretending to browse, the other punched the cashier and tried to steal cash from the till, but a shopper who was just entering the store quickly tackled him to the ground.

Meanwhile the cashier, who was left with a split lip following the robbery, managed to lock up the shop and keep the offender inside until the police arrived.

Mr Cruden, who owns a chain of newsagents in the town, said: "We have been in the town centre for 35 years and this has never happened before, so that is a good record. But we want people to know the man would only have got away with about £75. There is never a lot of cash in the tills, so hopefully that will be a deterrent."

"The man who stopped him just happened to be coming in to the shop, and saw what was going on."



■ Andrew Cruden of St Giles Street News

He gave him a bit of a pasting, knocked him to the floor and pinned him down.

"The cashier managed to lock him in and the police arrived about two minutes later," he added.

Mr Cruden paid tribute both to the police and to the passing have-a-go hero, and said: "The police were fantastic, and I would like to thank the man who stopped the robber. He had run off by the time the police arrived, I think he thought he might get in trouble for punching the robber."

Mr Cruden said CCTV fitted in the store had picked up good pictures of the two men involved in the robbery. The second man managed to escape during the scuffle, and the shop was closed for several hours after the incident.

Northamptonshire Police confirmed a man had been arrested in connection with the attempted theft and is due to appear before magistrates later this month.

Witnesses, or anyone with information, can call the force on 03000 111222.

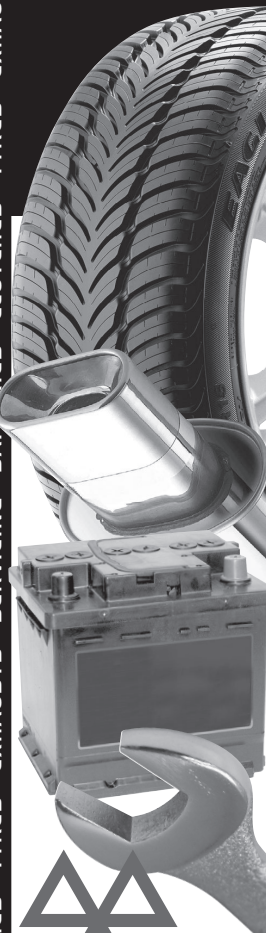
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Forensic investigators will visit each victim where evidence has been left behind, and officers from Operation Renegade will assess all the information to identify hallmarks left by burglars.

The operation, which was originally launched 12 months ago, has been stepped up again in an effort to target repeat offenders and stave off a rise in burglaries which has been recorded nationally.

Insp Dave Spencer, of the Northamptonshire West burglary team, said this time around officers would increase the emphasis on intelligence gathering, checking the whereabouts of prolific burglars and letting them know they are being watched.

He said: "We will be acting quickly on all the information we gather about people who are committing burglary and we will be going all out to disrupt their criminal activities in

every lawful way we can.

"We wanted to bring back the Op Renegade name again because while we never took our eye off the ball as far as burglary is concerned, we know it had a real impact on offenders and it led to a reduction in the number of crimes.

"We want to make life as uncomfortable for anyone committing burglary as we can and by picking up on Renegade, I can promise we will do so."

During the last Op Renegade, 100 prolific burglars were subjected to 3,000 "disruption visits" from police, and statistics showed burglaries fell from 1,852 in 2007/08 to 1,754 in the following 12 months, a fall of more than five per cent. The detection rate for burglaries doubled during the campaign. But Insp Spencer warned officers would only be able to continue the downward trend if homeowners were responsible about making their properties secure. Evidence suggests both the hot weather over summer and the current recession could lead to a rise in break-ins.

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About 100 veterans from the association will line up in their final call to arms, alongside soldiers currently serving with C (Northamptonshire) Company of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment, and the Minden Band of the Queen's Division, for the parade on July 25.

The occasion falls on the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Talavera and will mark the disbanding of the Northamptonshire Regiment Association, as well as providing an opportunity to support soldiers from C Company, who last year completed a six-month tour of duty in Iraq.

Maj (Retd) Bill O'Driscoll,



Royal Anglian Regiment Association area secretary, said: "This is a timely reminder to the people of Northampton and Northamptonshire of what the regiment has done for them in the past and what it is going to do for them in the future."

"It will be good to see the people of Northamptonshire turn out to support the veterans of the Northamptonshire Regiment and their successors in the Royal Anglian regiment who recently completed a tour of Iraq and didn't get the opportunity to freedom march through Northampton."

The date was selected for the disbanding of the regimental association because of its symbolism, allowing it to go out with a bang.

The baton will then be passed to the 2nd Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment, although an area association will still exist.

The parade will start at 1.30pm, when C Company's soldiers will leave the TA Centre on Clare Street and march along Earl Street, Upper Mounts and Lower Mounts before pausing at the top of Abington Street, where the regimental association's veterans will form up behind C Company and together will march along Abington Street to All Saints Church. From there, the group will parade along George Row to the Guildhall.

Maj Ian Chance, the commanding officer of C Company, said: "It will be a huge privilege for C Company to parade alongside the Northamptonshire Regiment Association on this historic day."

"This parade will mark the day on which the Northamptonshire Regiment Association has chosen to disband, thus handing over all regimental responsibilities for Northamptonshire to The Royal Anglian Regiment."

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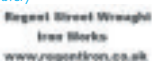
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Organised by the Rotary Clubs of Northampton, the day also included a flypast from the Red Arrows and is hoped to have raised about £30,000.

Among those who took part in the rowing was Michael Ellis, Conservative parliamentary candidate for Northampton North, who captained his team.

He said: "The Rotary club does a wonderful job raising money for charity in Northamptonshire and across the country. I congratulate them on organising a very successful event

and I know the Northamptonshire and Warwickshire Air Ambulance and Cynthia Spencer Hospice will have benefited greatly.

"Despite being the only politician rowing in the event the other participants resisted the temptation to throw me into the River Nene, which was very kind."

A team from Wilson Browne Solicitors was among those who joined Mr Ellis and his crew on the water.

Jane Forsyth, a partner based at the firm's Northampton office, said: "The firm is proud of its links with the local community and this year it was our pleasure to participate in the Dragon Boat Race once again to contribute towards raising money for such worthwhile causes. Our team put in a good effort while enjoying every minute of the day."

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In Moulton is a three-bedroom terraced

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xxx

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Charlie and Freddie
xx

Births

KERR

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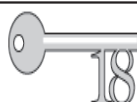


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Sister for Sam.
All our love
Ma and Pa



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GRACIE HALL

Happy 18th Birthday

Have a great day
Love and best wishes
Mum, Dad and Beth
xxx

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**TIERNAN
CAVAN**

40 Today!

With lots of Love
from
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and Carrick
xxx

50th Birthday



**Julie
FOSTER**

(nee Collier)
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returns Julie,
lots of love,
Mum, Dad
&
all the family
X

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ELLIS

Tony & Chris
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engagement of their Daughter
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congratulations from
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**Rebecca
CLEGG**

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Education with
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teaching post at
Mawsley School.
You have made us very
proud.

Love Mum, Dad and
James



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DOLAN**

Congratulations on
gaining a First in
Product Design at
Lincoln University and
also gaining two
outstanding awards,
one being
Student Of The Year
and also
The Dean's Award.

Wishing you every
success in your new
business, making
Mum, Dad, Jenna and
Tessa extremely
proud. x x



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Stacey

KOSTANEK - WRIGHT

(Former student of Moulton School)
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Love Mum, Dad, Daniel, Cathie & all the Family
xx



**LEE
MUTTOCK**
Congratulations Lee on
achieving a First Class
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Management .
Good luck in everything
you do. All our love
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Adam & Daniel, Claire
& Nan Thompson



Kathrina

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Many congratulations
on gaining a 2:2 BA (HONS) in music practice at
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All the best for the future,
Love Mum, Dad, John & Little Jack
xxxx

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Ruby Wedding



Sue & Dave

YOUDALE (nee Clark)

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Anniversary. Love and best wishes,
Mum, Neil, Sally, Jamie & Gemma

Golden Wedding



**Maurice and Val
Pittam**

Congratulations to you both

Love always
Marc, Debs, Josh and
Elliott
xxxx

Golden Wedding



**Bob & Phine
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x



In Memoriam

**FARDON
Michael**

Cruelly taken from his
loved ones
July 15th 2006.
No-one knows the
grief we bare,
When the family meet
and you're not there.
We talk of memories
one by one,
Words you said
And things you done.
They bring a smile,
More often a tear,
And a constant wish,
That you were still
here.
Thinking of you
always,
Brother Kevin
and all the family

**HUSBANDS
Ernie**

Passed away
July 14th 1999.
Ten years ago you
passed away.
Still think and miss
you every day.
Rest in peace.
Vilma

JACOBS — Clara
Elizabeth Caroline.
"Loved
forever".
Melanie, Kay and
Charlotte xxx

LONGHURST —
Cherished memories of
my dear Parents, Rose
Passed Away 16th July
2005 and John James
Passed Away 17th
October 1974. To live in
hearts we leave behind
is not to die.

Adam SHARPE
10th/01/1992 -
14th/07/2007

In loving memory of a
dear Son, Grandson,
Brother and Nephew.
You will never be
forgotten
time does not heal the
pain of losing you.
Sleep peacefully
sweetheart.
All our love
Mum, Dad, Laura and
Danielle
xxxxx

SMITH

Kath.
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10th 2002.
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aged 31 years

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however great or small
To have you as our Son
was the greatest gift of all
Because you were so special
no words could ever say
How much we miss you today
& everyday
Somewhere beyond the sunset
where loved ones never die
You sleep in a beautiful garden
beneath a golden sky
Though Heaven and Earth divide
us, we are never far apart
For you are always in our thoughts
and forever in our hearts.

We can't believe a year has
passed since you were cruelly
taken from us.
You will never be
forgotten,
Kenneth.
We love and
miss you so
much,
Your broken
hearted
Mum and Dad
XXXXXXX



WALKINGTON

Kenneth

Dear Husband of Tracey

Your presence I miss
Your memory I treasure
Loving you always
Forgetting you never:
x x x x



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Bill

Passed away
14th July 2008.
In loving memory of a
dearly loved Husband,
Dad, Grandad and
Pop-Pops.
In our hearts you will
always stay,
Missed and loved
everyday.
A very special person,
Kind and true.
With a heart of gold.
We hold such
wonderful memories
of you.
Your ever loving Wife
Elsie, Daughters Chris
and Sue and families

WHITE

An eternal
memory of a
much loved Son
Andrew.
This is for
someone
wonderfully
loved as one
could be.
But we know
you are in
heaven so happy
and bright.
God Bless you
our lovely Son.
Love you always
Mum, Dad and
Family.
And love from
Barb.

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WHELAN — Paddy.
Loved with a love
beyond all telling,
missed with a grief
beyond all tears. Anne
and family xxx

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WREFORD

Les

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My darling Husband.
Loving you is easy
I do it everyday
But missing you is
a heartache,
that never
goes away.
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Daughter Karen.
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so much.
Love Maureen
(Mo) x x



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you Millions. Love
Leroy, Lucy and Tribe X

LOVATT — Coco.
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now that you have
gone, but we will
always remember you
no matter how long.
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Stena, Summer &
Robert xxx



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PRACTICAL but forgettable pretty much sums up the Skoda Fabia Estate, so how could the Czech manufacturer go about jazzing it up a bit?

One option would be to take elements from a type of vehicle that has a little more character about it, a compact 4x4 perhaps, and graft them on to the extended supermini.

The result wouldn't alter the Fabia in any major way but it might gain a little extra desirability, maybe even a modicum of street-cred. The vehicle could be called the Skoda Fabia Scout in honour of its pseudo-adventurous appearance and it could top the Fabia estate range starting at under £13,000. Job done.

There is a place in the market for models like the Skoda Fabia Estate. It's primarily with customers who want supermini running costs and dimensions plus a bit more room, but the task these vehicles face has become more difficult of late with the advent of supermini MPVs and sub-compact 4x4s which do the extra practicality thing in more interesting ways. The Skoda Fabia Scout is an attempt to inject a little of that interest into the dull but worthy Fabia Estate, so how successful is it?

Only the range-topping engines from the Fabia Estate are available with the Fabia Scout but you can put your flameproof racing overalls back in the wardrobe because they aren't a lively bunch. Proceedings open with an 85bhp 1.4-litre petrol unit that takes 12.7s to achieve 60mph from standstill. It's a sound engine but many will deem the extra cash needed to get a diesel worthwhile. The 1.4-litre HDI has only 80bhp and takes 13.7s to do the 0-60mph but its 195Nm of torque at 2,000rpm is 62Nm more than the petrol produces at 3,800rpm, so it's stronger off the line and in the 30mph ballpark. The 1.9-litre TDI engine has 105bhp and 240Nm leading to a 11s 0-60mph time.

The Estate is only 20kg heavier

than the hatch and the Scout's modifications over the estate are purely cosmetic, so it will drive much the same. That's pretty darn well, for those unfamiliar with Skoda's supermini. The Fabia's suspension handles rough surfaces with some grace but remains composed through the corners with less body roll than you'd experience in a taller supermini-based MPV. The pointy steering also helps the

car deliver a pleasant driving experience. It's no ball of fire regardless of the engine you pick but it has the basics nailed down, making it an amiable companion across the full range of UK road conditions. The styling of the Fabia Estate follows on from the hatch. It's more distinctive than Fabia models past which just looked like the budget Volkswagens they, in essence, were and today's car has

evolved its own themes. The trademark feature is the blacked-out roof pillars and these are still in evidence on the Scout version but it adds silver roof rails and body mouldings down the flanks. It isn't a dramatic transformation but the 16" alloys that are also included help the Scout's cause. On the inside, the Volkswagen influence is in evidence with an upmarket element to the switchgear and the

materials. Again, the Fabia isn't exactly brimming with that elusive wow-factor but there are elegant touches including aluminium finishes for the door handles and air-vent surrounds. The Scout versions get special Scout upholstery to further raise the tone.

If room is your thing, the Fabia is a good supermini to go for, so it follows that the estate bodystyle that the Scout is based on isn't short of capacity. It's actually nearly 24cm longer than its hatchback relative and viewing the two cars side by side, you can believe it. The Scout looks altogether lither and less stubby with its extra side window and the shallow angle of its tailgate. The extra dimensions have helped Skoda engineers achieve a 480-litre boot capacity with the seats up, some 180 litres more than you'll cram into the hatchback. Fold the 60/40 split rear seats flat (a less than straightforward operation that involves removing the headrests) and there's an Albert Hall-esque 1,460 litres. That's 297 litres up on the hatchback.

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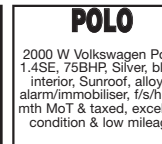
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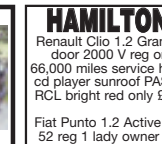
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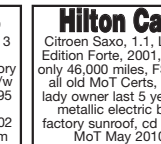
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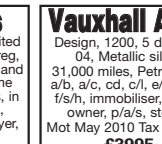
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Posts 1 & 2. Children's Centre Workers

Post 1 Full Time: 52 weeks/year. Salary: £19,427 to £21,306

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You will work as a member of our team and with partner agencies to promote the welfare and well-being of children and their families. You will help develop and deliver high quality Children's Centre services and other related community provision to support our parents, carers and families - both at the centre and through outreach work in the wider rural area to the north of Kettering. Applicants must have a relevant NVQ Level 3 qualification, excellent inter-personal, communication and IT skills and have an understanding of the pressures parents face, social issues and child development. Post 2 will have a particular emphasis on supporting fathers.

Post 3. Early Years Assistant

Part Time 5 Hours/week 39 weeks/year Salary: £1,215 - £1,478 (actual)

You will work as part of the Children's Centre and Foundation Stage setting team, to assist Key Workers in providing education and care for children aged 0-5 years, their families and carers. Primarily this role will be linked to crèches run during children's centre activities. This post is term time only including training days.

Post 4: Early Years Practitioner

Full Time: 52 weeks/year. Salary: £14,587 to £16,663

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If you believe in caring for the community and have a sensible and flexible attitude then we would like to hear from you. All posts will be subject to enhanced CRB clearance. Applicants for Posts 1, 2 and 4 must have a full, clean driving licence.

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Interview date: 19 August 2009.

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Ref: V8/213/NCE

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Interview date: 7 August 2009.

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Interview date: 7 August 2009.

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Closing date: (Noon), 22 July 2009.

Interview date: 19 August 2009.

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Lyle says sorry to Monty

On the eve of The Open, Sandy Lyle says sorry to Colin Montgomerie after accusing his fellow Scot of cheating

Swann's aiming to Lord it

GRAEME SWANN insists he is confident of playing well in the second Ashes Test at Lord's, which starts today.

By his own admission, Northampton-born Swann didn't have his best game for England in the drawn first Test at Cardiff, although he did play a key role with the bat in both innings.

"I didn't perform how I wanted to in the game," said Nottinghamshire all-rounder Swann.

"We didn't perform as a team.

"I just didn't bowl very well. The ball didn't come out of my hand how I wanted it to. I didn't have the rhythm I wanted, although it got better as the game went on.

"Perversely, on the last morning it felt fine. So I'm going into this game feeling confident."

Swann is likely to be the only spinner in the side for Lord's.

Northants left-armers Monty Panesar was expected to miss out in favour of Graham Onions, with England expected to play only one spinner.

County ready for hectic spell

DAVID CAPEL insists Northants are ready for a busy and crucial part of their season. The Steelbacks get their NatWest Pro40 campaign under way under the floodlights at the Derbyshire Phantoms tomorrow before Leicestershire Foxes come to the County Ground in the same competition on Sunday.

That is followed immediately by a trip to current LV County Championship Division Two leaders Gloucestershire before a showpiece three-day game against Australia at Wantage Road. And that all leads to the big Twenty20 Cup quarter-final at home to Hampshire Hawks on July 29.

"We have had all our breaks now really and it's a pretty full programme right up until the end of September," said Capel. "It will be tough for the players but they all seem up for it. It will be a big test of their character and it will be important to make sure they get rest whenever it's possible."



Emms puts pupils through their paces

A GROUP of pupils from a Northampton secondary school were put through their paces by Olympic silver medallist and World Champion badminton player Gail Emms.

The visit to Caroline Chisholm School was part of the Sky Sports' Living for Sport campaign.

Teacher Joe Rich said: "Gail worked with a small group of students for the morning and they all benefited from the experience.

"Well done to all the pupils involved who once again represented the school impeccably."

Steelmen next up for Cobblers



■ ONTARGET – Gary Mulligan (right) celebrates scoring his goal at Histon

STUART GRAY feels his Cobblers side will be better prepared for life in Coca-Cola League Two after their bruising encounter at Histon on Tuesday night.

Town picked up a 1-1 draw at the Glass World Stadium, with Gary Mulligan opening his account from the penalty spot after Luke Guttridge was fouled.

Blue Square Premier side Histon levelled in the second half through midfielder Josh Simpson, although in fairness neither goalkeeper was over-worked.

That was down mainly to disciplined performances by both defences, with Chris Willmott enjoyed a very solid 90 minutes at the heart of a stubborn visiting back four.

And Gray was pleased with his side's resilience and the way they handled the threat of a side he feels will be very similar to what they will face on a weekly basis in the coming campaign.

"It was a good workout," he said. "You know what you're going to get with Histon, they get

the ball forward early and try to turn you, and I thought we dealt with that pretty well. A lot of them got a lot of football in them and we scored from what I thought was the best move of the match.

"One or two of the teams in our league will play like that so it's a good experience for the boys and all part of the learning curve.

"I'm disappointed with the way we conceded the goal, I think they got a bit of momentum because we were making a lot of changes at the time.

"They got the ball forward and fought for the second ball... it paid off for them."

The Cobblers are back in pre-season friendly action this Saturday when they travel to county neighbours Corby Town, with kick-off at the Rockingham Triangle at 3pm. The Steelmen were entertained Town's league two rivals Macclesfield last weekend, and drew 0-0.

Gray's preparations will continue next Tuesday with the first home friendly, with Coca-Cola Championship side Coventry City making the short trip (ko 7.45pm).





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